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## Viewing cable 05NEWDELHI9319, INDIA SEEKS TO PROTECT CITIZENS, SECURE ENERGY INTERESTS IN MIDDLE EAST (C-NE5-00945)

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">05NEWDELHI9319</a>	<a href="#">2005-12-12 01:08</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">SECRET</a>	<a href="#">Embassy New Delhi</a>

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/article1544332.ece>

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SUBJECT: INDIA SEEKS TO PROTECT CITIZENS, SECURE ENERGY INTERESTS IN MIDDLE EAST (C-NE5-00945)

REF: A. STATE 218793 B. NEW DELHI 9223 C. RIYADH 8755 D. NEW DELHI 6841 E. NEW DELHI 6804 F. MUMBAI 1688 G. 04 NE

Classified By: Political Counselor Geoff Pyatt for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: While India has major interests in the Middle East (energy, trade, expatriate workers, and religious ties), it has historical Strategic Interests in the Area

[1](#)2. (C) India's strategic interests in the Middle East can be summarized as energy, citizens, trade, and religious ties. India imports 70% of

[1](#)3. (C) The importance of New Delhi's relationships with each of the countries listed in Ref A can be determined by the degree to which the at Saudi Arabia: Oil, Trade, and CT

[1](#)4. (C) Saudi Arabia dominates Indian attention in the Gulf due to its prominence in the areas of energy, Indian expatriates, and trade. In a

[1](#)5. (C) Corroborating the rumors of a King Abdullah visit in January, well-connected columnist and commentator Saeed Naqvi told PolCouns and I

[1](#)6. (C) The GOI and KSA interact on terrorism as part of their political relationship, Singh said. India attended the Saudi-organized counter Iraq

[1](#)7. (C) India has traditionally been a large purchaser of Iraqi oil, and would like to renew its relations with the new Iraqi government in or Other Countries

[1](#)8. (C) The UAE, in particular Dubai, is a strong focus of Indian business relations in the Gulf, and much shipping from Mumbai transits Dubai

[1](#)9. (C) Post reported on Indian interests in Iran in Ref E, and its weak relations with Syria in Ref D. Media reports have recently indicated Relations with the OIC

[1](#)10. (C) J/S Singh dismissed the idea that India maintained hope to join the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), explaining that sir Counter-terrorism

[1](#)11. (C) In addition to the GOI's inclusion of counter-terrorism as a subject for discussion with Saudi counterparts (above), New Delhi partic Weak Personalities

[1](#)12. (S) Responsibility for India's policies in the Gulf and West Asia are shared among Minister of State for External Affairs E Ahamed, West

[1](#)13. (S) Naqvi was similarly critical of Ahamed, a Minister of State who represents the UPA coalition minor partner Muslim League Kerala State

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[1](#)14. (C) Despite recognition that India's interests in the Gulf and Middle East are substantial (Ref G), New Delhi has not shown the capabilit

[1](#)15. (U) Visit New Delhi's Classified Website: (<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/sa/newdelhi/>)

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